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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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SIR:

Applicants respectfully request a second- and third-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action of March 20, 2003 on the above-identified application. A one-month extension of time, extending the response deadline from June 20, 2003 to July 20, 2003, has previously been obtained.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 19, 2003

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145.

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A grant of this request would reset the response due date from July 20, 2003 to September 20, 2003.

Payment of \$410.00, the difference between the fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) for a one- and a three-month extension of time, respectively, for a small entity is included in our enclosed check for \$785.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-1145

Respectfully submitted,



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